

GOLD HILL COMMUNITY PLANNING INITIATIVE

Minutes of the February 2, 2009 Meeting

Next Meeting will be the first Education Meeting on February 28, 2009, 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center – Flyer and agenda will be mailed and emailed to everyone, as well as posted.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Gretchen Diefenderfer and 13 people attended: Gretchen Diefenderfer, Garry Sanfacon (County Land Use), Dwight and Roseanne Jones, Val Crist, Nicole Gibson (County Map Dept.), John Holste (County Land Use), Arthur and Joan Few, Bear Carlson, Poppy Copeland, Karen Simmons and Charles Steinberg.

Val expressed the concerns of some about the possible effects of the Planning Initiative and whether she wants to be in it or not. Garry Sanfacon, County Land Use, assured everyone that this is a process to see what we want to do and that the County Commissioners are looking for consensus – they would not support anything where the will of the majority will be dominating the minority. We're exploring for now and starting with the Education Meetings so that everyone can become informed about the rules and regs that already apply to us in order to look at what we might want to modify, add, or change.

Boundaries – We decided to stay with the Town Meeting Boundaries for now, partially because the County has all kinds of data on this area. This excludes Summerville, and it was decided that Gretchen will contact Tom Trask to alert them to the process and invite them to attend and participate if they are interested.

Agenda for the Educational Seminars Feb. 28 and March 14 – We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center. We'll have ½ hour presentations, 10min for Q & A on each topic, then lunch (Provided!) and time to ask the presenters further questions. On the 28, we'll have Pete Fogg on the Comprehensive Plan, Kim Sanchez on Site Plan Review, Doug Parker on BuildSmart, and Iris Sherman on SepticSmart.

Date – We can get all kinds of data and maps from the County, including all onsite waste water systems (approved and non-approved), structure sizes, all land use applications and variances applied for and so on, as well as maps. We requested census data and a blow-up of the Town (it's too tiny on the map of the whole Town Meeting area).

Flyer - Some changes were made, it was approved and will be mailed, emailed and posted.

Mission Statement – Final wording approved: To bring together the collective wisdom, knowledge, and experience of the community to plan for and promote sustainability and stewardship – of both the natural and built environment – in order to preserve the historic

integrity and rural character of both the townsite and surrounding area for future generations.

Gretchen Diefenderfer, Committee Chair

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